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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTS

REF: STATE 177789

1. ON JUNE 29, 1975, GOA ANNOUNCED NEW TARIFF REGULAIONS WHICH, AMONG OTHER ACTIONS, BANNEDTHE IMPORT OF NON-MILITARY FIREARMS EXCEPT AIR-RIFLES. WHILE THIS NEW REGULATION HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS REPORTEDLY UNDER REVISION, FIREARMS IMPORTERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ACT AS IF IT WERE IN EFFECT. THEREFORE, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO GOA APPROVAL FOR THE IMPORT OF FIREARMS EXCEPT FOR ORDERS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (FOR POLICE) AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (FOR MILITARY). IN NEITHER CASE ARE IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. LIKELY, AS BOTH ARE BASICALLY SUPPLIED FROM THE USSR.

2. AFGHANISTAN IS KNOWN TO HAVE A LARGELY UNCONTROLLED BORDER AND SMUGGLING IS WIDESPREAD. ONE OF THE MORE POPULAR SMUGGLED ITEMS IS FIREARMS. THEY ARE BROUGHT IN BOTH FROM PAKISTAN AND FROM IRAN. THE GOA HAS NO INTERNAL FIREARMS CONTROL AND ARMED MEN ARE A COMMON SIGHT, PARTICULARLY OUTSIDE MAJOR URBAN AREAS.  
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